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ANDERSON'S  
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THIRTY DOLLARS  
PER ANNUM.

## BANKS.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF  
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000  
SUBSCRIBED \$1,150,000  
PAID-UP \$500,000

BANKERS:  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT  
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.  
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 12 Months.....4 per cent.  
" 6 " .....3 " "  
" 3 " .....2 " "

J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 7th July, 1896. [18]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$5,750,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRTORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:  
A. McCONACHIE, Esq.—Chairman.  
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CHIEF MANAGER:—T. JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER:—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY  
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per Cent.  
per annum on the daily balance.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.  
For 6 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1896. [31]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted  
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be  
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER  
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option  
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG  
AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED  
DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1895. [32]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,  
LIMITED.

Authorized Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:

D. Gilles, Esq. | Chow Tung Shang, Esq.

H. Stolterfoht, Esq. | Kwan Hol Chuen, Esq.

Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895. [7]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,  
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-

HOLDERS \$800,000

RESERVE FUND \$125,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT

ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per

annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months... 4 per cent.

" " " 6 " 3½ "

" " " 3 " 2½ "

T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1895. [53]

CARBOLINEUM AVENARILUS

USED FOR 20 YEARS.

With the Utmost Success.

Thoroughly reliable preservative for Wood

and Stone against White Ants, Decay, Fungus

Rot and Dampness.

Sole Agents for China.

SCHEELE & CO.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1895. [82]

## Intimations.

## THE PHARMACY.

TANSAN,

TANSAN,

This refreshing and invigorating Table Water contains 8 per cent. more IRON CARBONATE  
than any Water from similar Spas.

Sole Agents for HONGKONG and SOUTH of CHINA—

FLETCHER & CO.

and CARMICHAEL & CO.

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JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER CONSIGNMENT

FRESH DAIRY BUTTER.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

The product of the PRINCE OF WALES DAIRY COMPANY, Bombay, India. This BUTTER

is guaranteed PURE and of THE FINEST QUALITY.

In lbs., lb. and 4lb. TIN.

RETAIL PRICE...\$1.20, 6c. and 20c.

THE HONGKONG BUTCHERY,

CENTRAL MARKET.

J. TATAM,  
PROPRIETOR. [48]

## Intuitions.

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## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON, &c.	Passes	J. F. Jephson	Noon, 31st July	See Special Advertisement
JAPAN	Anzona	W. D. Mudie	Noon, 31st July	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Island Sea.)
LONDON, &c.	Sunda	E. H. Gordon	About 6th August	Freight or Passage.
JAPAN, &c.	Shanghai	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	About 7th August	Freight or Passage. (Passing through the Island Sea.)
SHANGHAI	Rosetta	G. K. Wright, R.N.R.	About 8th August	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Borneo	L. M. Wilmer, R.N.R.	About 10th Aug.	Freight or Passage.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1896.				H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent. [48]

For Forms of Proposal and every Information.  
Apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [742]

## EMPRESS ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LIMITED.

### FIRE AND MARINE.

We have this Day been appointed  
AGENTS, and are prepared to accept  
RISKS at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1896. [743]

THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1824.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000

TOTAL FUNDS AND SECURITY \$2,480,051

NET ANNUAL FIRE PREMIA... 757,478

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the  
above Company we are prepared to accept  
EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS  
at CURRENT RATES.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1896. [710]

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned AGENTS of the above  
Company are prepared to accept First  
Class FOREIGN and CHINESE RISKS  
at CURRENT RATES.

SIEMSSSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1895. [34]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000

EQUAL TO \$83,333.33

RESERVE FUND \$18,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Lee Sing, Esq. | Lo Yew Moon, Esq.

Lou Tso Shun, Esq. |

MANAGER—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1895. [43]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,  
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,  
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1896. [247]

## Notice of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day commenced Business as a

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

W. SHEWAN.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1896. [1149]

### NOTICE.

THE Title of this FIRM is from this Date

CHANGED to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

The Sole Partners are ROBERT

GORDON SHEWAN and CHARLES

ALEXANDER TOMES.

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1896. [1062]

NOTICE.

MR. JOHANN GEORG LUDWIG

SCHRÖTER and Mr. HERMANN

FRIEDRICH GEORG BÖRNER have been

# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1896.

## To-day's Advertisements.

BANK HOLIDAY.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 3rd August.—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION;  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,  
J. W. R. TAYLOR,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
Hongkong Agency,  
M. LACAZE,  
for Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED,  
HONGKONG,  
CHANTRY INCHBALD,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1896. [1108]

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACT. NOTICE TO BUILDERS.

TENDERS are required for the EXTENSION of WHITFIELD BARRACKS and WORKS in connection therewith at KOWLOON.

PERSONS desiring to TENDER must leave their NAMES with the SURVEYOR at the ROYAL ENGINEER OFFICE, Commissariat Buildings, on or before the 8th August, 1896, and pay a sum of FIVE DOLLARS for Bills of Quantities and Specification, which, with the FORM of TENDER, will be issued to each person applying.

The Secretary of State for War does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

T. H. ASTEY, Colonel,  
Commanding Royal Engineers.

Royal Engineer Office,  
Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1109]

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA. JAPAN-EUROPE LINE.

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, PORT SAID,  
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.  
THE Chartered Steamship

"BALMORAL."  
Captain McRae, will be despatched for the above Ports TOMORROW, the 30th instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight, apply to  
NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.  
Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1110]

OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS 1904 HONGKONG, 1896.  
(Subject to Alteration.)  
Chittagong ..... 1st Thursday ... 1st July.  
Montgomeryshire ..... 1st Saturday ... 1st August.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship.

"CHIT AGONG" will be despatched hence for PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 30th July.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Polys should be sent QUADRUPLETIC; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.

The S.S. Montgomeryshire has Superior Accommodation for Saloon Passengers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to  
SHEWAN, TOME & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1111]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE Steamship.

"TAIWUAN." Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 4th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1112]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON AND ANTWERP.  
THE Steamship

"BENGLOE," Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above on the 9th August.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1113]

FOR SALE!

TYPHOONS! TYPHOONS!  
TYPHOONS!

COPIES of the SECOND EDITION of that well-known and most useful work,  
"THE LAW OF STORMS IN THE EASTERN SEAS."

BY  
Dr. W. DOBERCK,  
Director of the Hongkong Observatory.

PRICE ..... \$1.

FOR SALE—  
At the "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"  
OFFICE,

No. 6, Pedder's Hill,  
and at

Messrs. KIRLY & WALSH, Ltd.  
W. BREWER & CO.  
CHAR. J. GAUFF & CO.  
G. FALCONER & CO.  
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
HEUERMANN, HERZER & CO.  
and  
F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1896.

## To-day's Advertisements.

### WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

NO PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING,  
ON ACCOUNT OF INCLIMATE WEATHER.  
TO-MORROW NIGHT,  
THE NEW PROGRAMME  
WILL BE PRESENTED,

INCLUDING THE REALISTIC AND SENSATIONAL  
ENGLISH STREEPLECHASE,  
TO WHICH LOCAL GENTLEMEN SUPPLYING THEIR OWN  
HORSES ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHASE.

**FRIDAY NIGHT,**  
*Last Night But One of the Season,*  
**GRAND FASHIONABLE NIGHT.**

**TESTIMONIAL BENEFIT**  
TO  
**MIS. WIRTH.**

UNDER MOST DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.  
Further Particulars To-morrow's Paper.

Doors Open at 8 p.m. Commence at 9 p.m.  
Seats booked To-day good for any evening.  
Hongkong, 28th July, 1896. [1102]

### TO LET.

D WELLING HOUSES—  
HOUSES IN RIPPON TERRACE,  
FIRST FLOOR, NO. 4, BLUE  
BUILDINGS.  
No. 3, MAGDALENE TERRACE—  
"TULLABERG" (BUNGALOW)—  
TOP FLOOR OF NO. 1, BLUE BUILD-  
INGS—Furnished or Unfurnished.  
GODDOWNS in BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to  
THE HONGKONG LAND-INVESTMENT  
& AGENCY CO., LTD.  
Hoover, 29th July, 1896. [17]

### Intimations.

**DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &  
COMPANY, LIMITED,**  
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,  
HONGKONG.

### AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLE AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

Lemonade.

GINGER ALE.

SARSPARILLA.

R ASPBERRYADE, &c.

Dakin, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1427]

**A. S. WATSON & CO.,  
LIMITED.**

### CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS  
OF

AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good order.

Counterfull Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is  
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER,

SODA WATER,

LEMONADE,

POTASH WATER,

SELTZER WATER,

LITHIA WATER,

SARSPARILLA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE,

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 29th July, 1896. [1104]

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and  
F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 28th July, 1896.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1896.

### THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY IN CHINA.

What may, we think, be taken as an ominous "sign of the times" is to be found in the form of a paragraph published by the *Japan Mail* a few days ago.

In this paragraph, which will be found in another part of this issue, we are reminded that the Japanese syndicate known as the Shanghai Spinning Company, after purchasing a site for a large cotton mill which it was proposed to erect at Shanghai, decided to suspend operations until the results of the negotiations connected with the new Commercial Treaty with China could be definitely ascertained; the promoters of the enterprise deeming it unwise, and likely to lead to great losses, to push on with their scheme unless full effect be given in the Commercial Treaty to Clause 4 of Article VI of the Treaty of Shimonesaki, otherwise the Li-ito Treaty of Peace, which reads as follows:—"Japanese subjects shall be allowed to freely carry on manufacturing industry at the several open ports of China, and shall be permitted to import machinery without paying any duty beyond the specified import duty; all articles manufactured in China by Japanese subjects shall be on exactly the same footing as similar articles imported by them, and shall enjoy all immunities and privileges given to imported goods in respect to transit duty, inland taxation, dues and charges and warehousing in the interior." That the Chinese, who have all along tried to evade giving full effect to this clause in the treaty, have scored a point over their Japanese rivals is now well known, for the clause in the commercial compact dealing with this important point has been left out by mutual consent and, presumably in consequence thereof, the Japanese Spinning Company has, it is stated, been advised to sell its property in Shanghai. The object of the Chinese is clear. They desire to be able to levy taxes on goods manufactured in China while in transit from the place of manufacture to inland markets just as they do all over China on goods covered by Transit Passes. Moreover, the Chinese have themselves some cotton mills in which some high officials are "interested," and in the near future there may be more of them, so it would be highly inconvenient to give to the products of foreign factories the same privilege, i.e., immunity from *lein*, as they are believed to be giving to the goods turned out of Chinese-owned factories. The *Atai*, it may be added, asserts that an excise duty of 5 per cent. will be levied on goods manufactured in China, but the details of that arrangement are left to be settled later. It may be assumed that the Japanese capitalists who intended to embark in cotton mill enterprises in China are in the confidence of their Government, hence the "tip" to sell as soon as it was found advisable to omit the much-disputed article from the final draft of the new treaty. They are no doubt, as the *Kobe Chronicle* asserts, "aware that the Chinese Government is determined if possible to render the manufacturing clause null and void by some of the subtle tricks so perversely persevered in across the Yellow Sea;" and as China has hitherto usually managed to wriggle out of her obligations, however closely she may be bound, it is by no means certain that she will not find some way of loading the manufacturers with burdens heavy enough to kill them." It would be premature to say very much about the new treaty at this juncture, but judging by present appearances it would appear that the "concessions" exacted at Shimonesaki in May, 1894, have been shorn of most, if not all, of the brilliance that dazzled Westerners, led to hopes of a rapid expansion of trade with the Celestial Empire, and the belief that we were at last within measurable distance of the time when the Chinese Government would cease to play fast and loose with the rights of foreigners. But China now has Russia and France as her back and no doubtless feels that she can snap her fingers at the rest of the world. She may yet find, though, that those who play with fire usually get singed, and are sometimes burnt.

It seems probable that the typhoon will pass within only a short distance to the south of us, and we may experience nearly the full effects of the blow. The steamers which were to leave this morning had to postpone their departure, the German mail liner *Sachsen* with a number of officers anchoring in Kowloon Bay for shelter. The River boats postponed their regular trips and ran for shelter behind Stonecutters Island soon after noon.

This afternoon about 4 o'clock, while a steam-launch was towing a cargo boat to Kowloon for shelter, the tow-rope snapped, and the boat at once capsized, throwing the seventeen occupants into the water. These were all, however, pluckily rescued by the crew of the launch, although it is rumoured an infant was lost.

The Kowloon ferry boats continued running at 4 o'clock, owing to the heavy sea in the harbour, and thus many Kowloon residents were cut off from their homes on the mainland.

At 4 p.m. the barometer, which fell rapidly throughout the day, read 29.10, and as we went to press a very strong gale was blowing from the North-East.

At 5 p.m. two guns were fired, indicating a typhoon was expected here.

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# THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1896.

On the 24th ultimo H.E. Lieut.-Colonel Sir Chas. B. H. Mitchell, G.O.M.C., was elected a member of the Society of Arts.

It was understood in Calcutta a few days ago that the late Sir James Browne was the selected candidate to succeed Sir Alexander Taylor as the head of Cooper's Hill College. Mr. O'Callaghan, lately Secretary to Government Public Works Department, and Colonel Ottley, who shortly retires from the Indian Irrigation Department, are believed to be well in the running for the post.

For the sake of the continental agricultural labourer, and generally for the future of the proletariat of Europe it is devoutly to be hoped that the danger outlined in the following paragraph from a small paper may remain nothing more than an abstract possibility.—The "yellow wave" may be expected to make its long-predicted invasion into Europe upon that portion of the European continent known as Silesia. Until lately the agricultural bands employed upon the hilly estates in those parts have been of Russian or Polish nationality. When we say "employed," we must be taken to mean that the Russian and the Polish hordes have hitherto been paid for work which, according to a remarkably well-informed German contemporary, he has been even more and more persistently declining to do. Now, a Silesian land-owner is a practical and business-like employer, and the ideas of his hordes have been getting proportionately less and less his own; ideas; to such an extent, indeed, that he would long ago have relegated his agriculturists to their native fields of labour if he had known how to supply their place in his own fields. At last, it appears, he has discovered how this may be done, and has brought him of John Chishman, John Chapman, is rather to the fore. In Berlin, at present, and a Berlin firm of middlemen seems to have taken advantage of this circumstance to open up some communications with John in his condition of largely superfluous idle. John has responded eagerly; and now, the firm in question is able to supply any amount of coolies for field work which Silesia may require, at a cost to employers of one shilling per coolie per day, everything included—except Mrs. Coolee. She is to be left at home. Whether, notwithstanding the advantages the scheme may seem to offer to the Silesian landowner, Europe in general may not have cause to wish John had been left at home also remains for determination.—*Singapore Free Press*.

## THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the Committee held at the Chamber's Rooms on the 25th instant there were present—Messrs. A. MacCormac (Chairman), H. Smith (Vice-Chairman), J. J. Bell-Jiving, G. B. Dodwell, St. C. Michaelson, N. A. Stebs, T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilson (Secretary).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last monthly meeting were read and confirmed.

### TELEGRAPH RATES.

Read letter from Acting Manager in China of E. E. A. & C. Telegraph Co., dated 26th June, in reply to Chamber's letter of date announcing the reductions made in tariff of rates between Hongkong and the Straits Settlements and elsewhere.

### QUARANTINE AT MANILA.

Read letter from Colonial Secretary, dated 1st July, acknowledging receipt of Chamber's letter of 26th June on the subject of quarantine regulations at Manila.

### POSTAL DELAYS.

Read letter from Colonial Secretary, dated 8th July, replying to Chamber's letter of 29th June, stating that the question of the revision of a new Post Office is under the consideration of the Secretary of State, and meantime the Government are thinking of arranging for temporary additional accommodation for Postal Department.

The Chairman said he understood it was proposed to take in the room in the Supreme Court building occupied by the Attorney-General and Crown Solicitor and connect them with the Post Office. This would give a good deal of additional space, but he thought that an increase in the staff was also imperative. This opinion was generally endorsed.

### QUARANTINE OF MINDO.

Letter from British Consul, Ningpo, stating that quarantine had been imposed at that port on vessels arriving from Hongkong, was laid on the table.

### THE RUMOURED DESIRE OF CHINA TO RAISE TARIFF ON IMPORTS.

Read letter from Tientsin Chamber, dated 3rd July, acknowledging receipt of Chamber's letter of 10th May, enclosing copy of despatch to British Minister on above subject.

### LIGHT DUES.

A discussion took place on this subject, and a strong opinion was expressed that the shipping should now be freed from the extra duty imposed for the special purpose of erecting Gap Rock Lighthouse and laying the telegraph cable.

Resolved to add the Government to this effect.

### QUARANTINE AT SINGAPORE.

On the motion of Mr. H. Smith, it was resolved to address the Government with a view to get representations made to the Authorities at Singapore asking them to abolish or modify the quarantine imposed at that port on all vessels arriving from Hongkong.

### THE OPENING OF THE WEST RIVER.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was decided to again address the Foreign Office and the British Minister at Peking asking what progress had been made with the negotiations on this subject.

### THE HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT.

Whilst it was agreed that much praise was due to the Harbour Master for attempting to supply statistics of the trade of the port in his report for 1895, the Committee agreed that the figures given of certain imports being only partial were necessarily misleading and it was resolved to draw the attention of the Government to this fact and suggest the omission of returns of the kind in future reports.

### NEW MEMBER.

The firm of Messrs. Wm. Mayhew & Co. was elected a Member of the Chamber.

### MR. MCLEWAN AND THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

Attention was called to the report of the *China Mail* to the effect that Mr. McEwan stated that he had been offered the Chairmanship of the Chamber.

The general opinion was that this was a mistake on the part of the reporter, since only the members of the Chamber in general meeting could make such appointment, and no such offer had been made by the Committee.

### JAPAN TIDAL WAVE RELIEF FUND.

Mr. Jackson began to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the above Fund—Subs already received \$1,083.

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Mr. Thomson ..... 25  
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## NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Talyman*, Capt. R. Nelson, from Sydney and ports, arrived in harbour to-day. For the subjoined telegrams we are indebted to our Colonial exchanges:

LONDON, June 20th.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said that on Wednesday he had received a communication from the British South Africa Co., who shortly before from the Indian Irrigation Department, are believed to be well in the running for the post.

For the sake of the continental agricultural labourer, and generally for the future of the proletariat of Europe it is devoutly to be hoped that the danger outlined in the following paragraph from a small paper may remain nothing more than an abstract possibility.—The "yellow wave" may be expected to make its long-predicted invasion into Europe upon that portion of the European continent known as Silesia.

Until lately the agricultural bands employed upon the hilly estates in those parts have been of Russian or Polish nationality. When we say "employed," we must be taken to mean that the Russian and the Polish hordes have hitherto been paid for work which, according to a remarkably well-informed German contemporary, he has been even more and more persistently declining to do. Now, a Silesian land-owner is a practical and business-like employer, and the ideas of his hordes have been getting proportionately less and less his own; ideas; to such an extent, indeed, that he would long ago have relegated his agriculturists to their native fields of labour if he had known how to supply their place in his own fields. At last, it appears, he has discovered how this may be done, and has brought him of John Chishman, John Chapman, is rather to the fore. In Berlin, at present, and a Berlin firm of middlemen seems to have taken advantage of this circumstance to open up some communications with John in his condition of largely superfluous idle. John has responded eagerly; and now, the firm in question is able to supply any amount of coolies for field work which Silesia may require, at a cost to employers of one shilling per coolie per day, everything included—except Mrs. Coolee. She is to be left at home. Whether, notwithstanding the advantages the scheme may seem to offer to the Silesian landowner, Europe in general may not have cause to wish John had been left at home also remains for determination.—*Singapore Free Press*.

NEWCASTLE, June 30th.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, said that on Wednesday he had received a communication from the British South Africa Co., who shortly before from the Indian Irrigation Department, are believed to be well in the running for the post.

The Newcastle colliery owners met Mr. G. H. Reid, Premier of New South Wales, in conference, and agreed to offer as far as the hewing rate, £3. 1d. per ton, at which price the men are to be allowed to resume work.

SYDNEY, July 1st.

Great alterations are being made in the New South Wales Post and Telegraph Department, which involve the retirement of a large number of officers and will effect a saving in administration of £51,789.

LONDON, July 8th.

Lady Mary Bligh, daughter of the Earl of Darnley, has been found drowned in a pond at Cobham Hall. It is rumoured that her death is concerned with a love affair.

Thirty thousand miners connected with the Miners Federation of Great Britain have refused to accept the proposed reduction of 10 per cent. in their wages.

Cheers have appeared at the various posts occupied by the Egyptian expedition on the Upper Nile.

The Cretan insurgents have now elected a temporary President, and proclaimed a union of Crete with Greece.

Mr. Turner, the Victorian Premier, has taken steps to convene an intercolonial conference, consider what steps should be taken to guard against the spread of the tick pest.

London, July 10th.

The Australians won the match against Hampshire by an innings and 121 runs. Irade scored 105 and Giffen 130. The manager scored 105 and Giffen 130. The manager was given a test.

In a innings against Leicestershire the Australians made 584. The other side's first innings was 81; the game was then abandoned.

The second test-match begins to-day at Manchester, and tremendous interest is being taken in it.

Great excitement prevails in Berlin owing to a rumour that England has purchased a large area of territory from the Portuguese, including the much coveted Delagoa Bay and other ports giving access to the interior of Africa.

LONDON, July 12th.

Mr. Neillie, the Sydney representative of the Anglo-French Company, is again in Adelaide. He has laid a proposition before the Government to the effect that his company is prepared to undertake the construction of the remaining portion of the Transcontinental Railway, from Ochadatta to Pine Creek, either on the land grant system or in consideration of the company receiving certain guarantees. The idea is to construct an electric railway, on the ground that this would be more suitable for the dry area through which the line would pass. Mr. Neillie stated that the company was prepared to pay down a large cash deposit as guarantee of their good faith, returnable in the event of the scheme not being entertained by Parliament.

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The Russian Government is pressuring Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria to reinstate M. Bendeff and M. Grueff to their former positions. Colonel Petreff, the Bulgarian Minister for War, resists the demand, and threatens to resign his position if the concession is made to Russia.

The miners entombed in the Wilkesbarre mine, Pennsylvania, by a fall of the roof are still alive. They have been heard rattling, and renewed efforts are being made to rescue them.

The work of the relief parties is, however, delayed by additional falls which are taking place in the mine.

There is much discontent in Rhodesia at the removal of Mr. Cecil Rhodes from the directorate of the British South Africa Company. Many of the Boer settlers have threatened to leave the company's territory if Mr. Rhodes goes.

KATOOMBA, June 2nd.

A fearful catastrophe occurred on Wednesday last at Katoomba, whereby four little children were burnt to death. A Mrs. Buchner, who earns a living by washing, left four children aged 14, 6, and 8 years, in charge of a boy of 11, who put them to bed, and after getting his mother's tea went out to meet her. Meantime the house was burnt to the ground, and the little ones sacrificed.

LONDON, July 3rd.

The Russian Government has decided to assume absolute control of the drink traffic within the Empire.

The St. Petersburg paper *Viedomosti* states that the Russian Government has decided to permit foreign Jews to enter the Empire without reference to the nature of their calling.

The German Government will ask the Reichstag during the coming autumn to authorise a vote for the development of German possessions in Africa. The proposal is to construct railways from the coast to Lake Tanganyika, in East Africa, and Victoria Nyanta, in Central Africa.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary for the Colonies, replying to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, said that the report that Sir Hercules Robinson would not return to Cape Colony to continue his duties in South Africa was unfounded. His health was now improving, Mr. Chamberlain added, and he would soon return to the colony.

LONDON, July 4th.

Owing to the opposition being shown by Mr. John Dillon, a leader of the Irish party, to the compulsory clause of the Irish Education Bill, the Government has determined to abandon the measure this session.

A general amnesty has been granted to the Cretan rebels by the Turkish Government, and in response to their demands the Hellespont Convention, which provides among other things for a Christian Governor and other Christian officials, has been revived.

LONDON, July 5th.

The Cretan rebels have announced that unless the Great Powers will guarantee the execution of the silver dollar is only accepted as a curiosity and refused as legal tender. Conspicuous amongst these are the provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Hunan, Shensi, Kan-su, and Szechuan.

The officials of Szechuan are now trying to introduce the new Governmental silver dollars and subsidiary coins into general use in that province, and to this end a proclamation has been issued by the Chongking Taotai, under instructions of the Viceroy, informing the people that the Emperor has authorised the silver dollar and its subsidiary coins as legal tender throughout the Empire and urging the people of Szechuan "to accept their use like the people of other provinces." The general acceptance of the subsidiary coins especially would relieve the congested state of the copper cash market at present as prevalent everywhere, without touching the question of coinage.

The extension of the Upper Nile railway, which is being pushed forward in connection with the British expedition to Khartoum, has now been completed as far as Forteck, the scene of the recent fighting.

The *Jewish Chronicle* states that a number of leading Hebrews are considering a scheme, the object of which is to administer the affairs of Palestine. The idea of the promoters of the scheme is to arrange matters so that the autonomy will be gradually granted to Palestine. The Sultan of Turkey is reported to be favourable to the proposal.

A despatch from Bulawayo states that the field force has been disbanded, and it is the intention of the British South Africa Company to replace the force by a body of 1,000 police. The natives friendly to the British are reported to be in a very restless condition throughout South Africa.

LONDON, July 6th.

A terrible explosion occurred in the explosives magazine of a fort at Meis, killing five men, wounding fourteen others, and destroying a vast quantity of cartridges and shells.

BRIENNE, July 7th.

It has now been finally identified that the tick disease amongst cattle in Queensland is the same as that prevailing in America, and known as Texas fever.

A proclamation has been issued in New South Wales, placing restrictions upon the importation of hides from Queensland in consequence of the prevalence of tick fever.

SYDNEY, July 7th.

The Sydney Wool-selling Bidders' Association states that the New South Wales Government has issued a proclamation to the effect that all hides coming from Queensland shall be thoroughly salted in proper pits, in which they shall remain for at least six weeks; also that they shall be accompanied by a certificate from an inspector of stock, stating that the requirements of these regulations have been duly complied with. The proclamation offers no help

to sending hides to Sydney as usual, as the treatment required is practically similar to the present custom in Queensland, the only extra trouble being the obtaining of a certificate to accompany each shipment.

NEWCASTLE, July 7th.

The privation existing through the strike of coal miners at Newcastle has caused a large exodus of men from the district, 120 having left for New Zealand and West Australia during the past fortnight.

The Newcastle colliery owners met Mr. G. H. Reid, Premier of New South Wales, in conference, and agreed to offer as far as the hewing rate, £3. 1d. per ton, at which price the men are to be allowed to resume work.

SYDNEY, July 8th.

The London correspondent of the Sydney *Telegraph* exposes a mass scheme, having for its object the virtual dismissal of Lord Charles Beresford from the Royal Navy, in the following interesting manner:

Captain Lord Charles Beresford is a popular idol adored by the masses and worshipped by the Navy, but he is also a Beresford, and therefore dreaded and disliked by officialdom. And I am far from saying there may not be some reason for this. No member of the fighting class has ever displayed the smallest scintilla of discretion. They speak their minds even though they rupture red tape wholesale. Now a talking sailor is a worse grievance to my Lords of the Admiralty than a talker soldier.

Lord Charles Beresford's painfully free-spoken criticisms—"You've got the ships," he cried, "or, rather, are going to get them, but what about the men?" Answer me that? Of course "my Lord" couldn't. Conundrums of this description possess no attractions whatever for the bureaucratic temperament. Mr. Gorcen could only say vaguely that the "men were all right," and pray heaven to deliver the navy from this dreadful thorn in its side. And that is what my Lords are now trying to do, not, I'm afraid, very scrupulously. Lord Charles out of the navy would not nearly so formidable. He could then be pooh-poohed as a more or less irresponsible "fiddler" well-meaning no doubt, but belligerent. Whilst his lordship continues a captain or (worse still) an Admiral, with half the service behind him, this is hardly feasible. So "the hero of the *Condor*" must go.

The expedient adopted to get rid of Lord Charles will scarcely commend itself to the public. It seems that to enable a captain to graduate into an Admiral a certain period of service at sea is requisite. To make this up, his lordship claims the 2½ days he and his Naval Brigade were fighting in the Soudan. And the authorities will not allow that period. They admit Lord Charles is invaluable in command of a ship or a vessel, but the public would hardly have got on without him, but he wasn't actually attached to a ship, and so the nine months must be lost. To the non-official mind this careful discrimination 'twix tweedledum and tweedledee naturally seems incredibly vexatious and unjust. But the public doesn't understand what a solemn thing a "regulation" is! The laws of the Med

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Hongkong, 27th July, 1896. [1164]

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1896. [1194]

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